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THE JOURNEY WEST 1834: OVID, NEW YORK TO WASHTENAW COUNTY, TERRITORY OF MICHIGAN: ABRAHAM B. COVERT (1807 – 1874)

Margaret Freeman, Farmington Hills, Michigan

Abraham B. Covert, my husband's great grandfather, was born 27 June 1807 in Ovid, Seneca County, New York. He was the third of ten children born to Peter A. Covert and Mary Swarthout. Peter had removed to Ovid from New Jersey with his parents, Abraham Covert & Ariann Coshun in 1790. All generations were farmers.

Ovid is located in the Finger Lakes region of New York, and extends a distance of eight miles between Lakes Seneca & Cayuga.[1] By 1813, thirty-three schools existed in the towns of Ovid, Romulus and Fayette.[2] Abraham probably attended one of these common schools,[3] when not working on the farm.

In 1816, the winter was mild, but from spring through summer, winter weather conditions existed and crops were a complete failure. Families existed on fish and game.[4]

On 6 September 1823, tragedy struck. Abraham's father, Peter A. Covert died at the age of 43 yrs. His early death placed great emotional and financial encumbrances upon the family. It left Mary Swarthout Covert, a widow, with six surviving children. Abraham, age 16, was then the oldest of two living sons, Ralph was age 12. The responsibility of the operation of the farm fell to Abraham.

On 3 January 1828, Abraham, age 20, married first, Lucy Knight, age 18, daughter of Luke Knight and Jane Suydam in the First Reformed Dutch Church of Ovid. She died due to complications of childbirth on 7 May 1829, as did the infant Mary Jane, age 30 days, on 1 May 1829. Both are buried in the Abraham Covert Farm Cemetery in Ovid.

He married his second wife, Jane Harris, on 9 February 1831 in the First Reformed Dutch Church of Ovid. She was the daughter of Isaac Harris and Nelly Sebring. Two children were born to them in Ovid, Benjamin S. on 6 December 1831 and Mary Ellen, my husband's grandmother, on 6 January 1834.

By this time the population in Ovid had grown to almost 3000, so that land was expensive and unavailable. Opportunity abounded and land was plentiful and cheap in the West.

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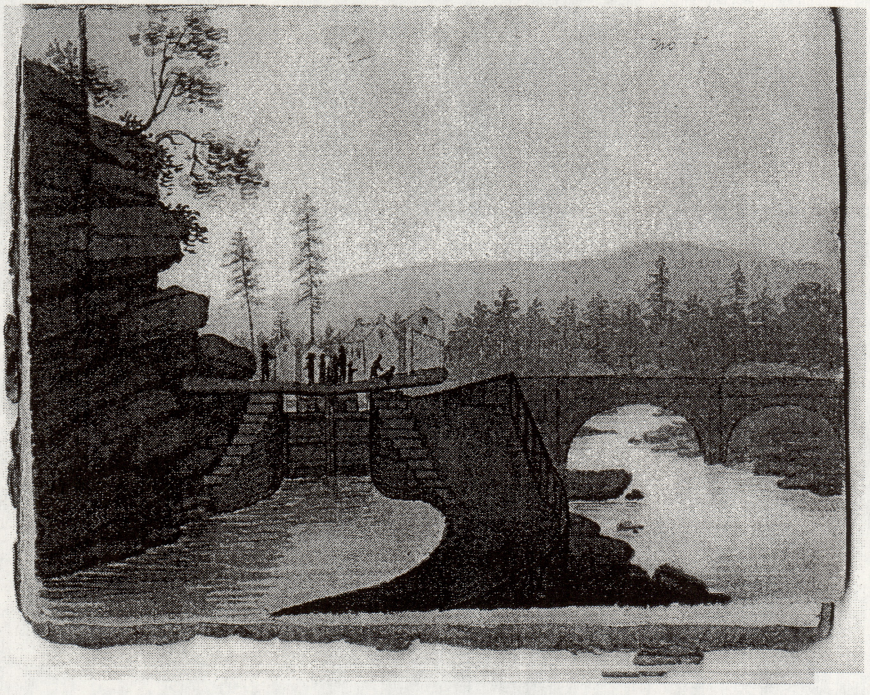
[1] Dr. James Sullivan, "Seneca County," *The History of New York State*, Book VII, Chapter IV, (1927): 8. http://www.usgennet.org/usa/ny/state/his/bk7/ch4.html (3 April 2004).

[2] Sullivan, 5. (3 April 2004).

[3] This booklet describes school life in Ovid from 1804 to 1811. Eber D. Howe's 1878 booklet, "Autobiography and Recollections" http://www.solomonspaulding.com/docs/howe1878.htm:2,3,4.

[4] Laurel Auchampaugh, Owasco Historian, "A History of the Village of Waterloo": 72. http://www.rootsweb.com/~nyseneca/bits.htm.

Views of the Erie Canal. Sketches from a travel Journal by Bishop John Henry Hopkins (1798-1868). Courtesy of William L. Clements Library, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan. September 2004.



All of Abraham's siblings had married, except his youngest sister. Abraham planned to move west. No doubt, encouraged by his mother's sister, Martha Swarthout, wife of James N. Voorhees of Superior Township, and his mother's brother, Anthony R. Swarthout, also of Superior Township, a move to Washtenaw County in the Territory of Michigan ensued.

Abraham B. Covert, his wife Jane Harris, children Benjamin S., age 3 yrs and Mary Ellen, age 4 months, embarked on their journey to the Territory of Michigan. They were probably joined by Abraham's brother, Ralph Covert, with his bride of seven months, Margaret Mundy.

Travel from Ovid was accomplished at that time either by stage or via the Cayuga and Seneca Canal, which opened in 1828. It joined the Erie Canal at either Cayuga or Seneca Lakes. No record exists of their method of travel until May 12, 1834, when Abraham took pen in hand and began "The Abraham B. Covert Day Book."

This brown hard covered daybook measures 7 7/8 in. by 6 3/8 in. and consists of 145 handwritten pages of which 19 are blank. It covers the time period of 1834 to 1869 and begins with Abraham B. Covert's journey west via the Erie Canal. Pioneer farm life in early Ypsilanti is revealed. Abraham and Jane Covert changed their religious affiliation from the First Reformed Dutch Church in Ovid to the Presbyterian Church in the village of Ypsilanti. In the early days they went to church on foot or with an ox team.[5] Details are given of the financial accounts incurred from emigrating west and resettling in the wilderness. Entries include expenses for farm and household needs as well as names of people providing services and making purchases. The back of the book contains farm recipes by Jane Harris Covert.

Only a few lines of the last page and the first seven pages, May 1834 through 1835, will be covered here at this time.

And so the book commences:

Last page:

One day after date I promise to pay to I O or borrow 2000 for move
received Ovid March 5th 1834
Abraham B. Covert myself

First page:

	$	S[6]
May 12 Arived at Newark 5 O Clock		
Expenses that Day	5	12 1/2
Went threw palmyry the		
Same night at 12 O Clock		

[5] "Abraham and Jane Covert Obit," *Ypsilanti Commercial*, Saturday, July 24, 1875. Vol. 12, No. 21:4.
Letters of admission to the church were presented on February 6, 1836, and they were propounded for admission the next day.
"Records of the First Presbyterian Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan; (1832-1847)"; 69. Ypsilanti, Mich., 1999

[6] Abraham spells cents as sents.

		$	S
	Went threw Pisford tuesday		
May	13 at half past 9 O Clock		
	Went threw Rotchester		
	tuesday at 2 O Clock		
May 12	Wenesday to 12 O Clock A		
	Snow Storm Still remains		
	Cole snow fell Wednes-		
	day night, 3 inches		
	on Deck[7]		
	Wednesdy night we went		
	threw Lockport at half		
	past 9 O Clock		
May 13	Expenses from newark to		
	Buffalow	14	19
	Left Buffalow tuesday		
	night at 9 O Clock		
	Frait from Buffalow		
	to Detroit	15	50
	Landed at Ere at 11 O Clock		
	on friday		
	Went beyond Detroit river		
	14 Seventy miles		
	Landed at Detroit Sunday		
	16 at 5 O Clock in the afternoon[8]		
June 4	Moved the goods from		
	Detroit and moved my		
	famaly the 5th[9]		
	5 Expes from detroit	16	

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[7] Historical records show that a great snowstorm fell in the Northeast on May 14, 1834, extending from Vermont and spreading west through New York, accumulating from 10 to 36 inches. The event could account for Abraham's error of recording Wednesday as May 12 when it was actually May 14 and then continuing on for the rest of the week with wrong dates.
"Weather Almanac: May" http://www.intellicast.com/Almanac/Northeast/May (20 February 2004)
"May Snow in Historical Context." http://rootsweb.com/~srgp/articles/maysnow.html (20 February 2004)

[8] The Erie Canal stretched 363 miles across New York State. The distance from Newark to Buffalo was 128 miles.
J. H. French, "Canals," *Gazeteer of the State of New York*, 1860:62.
In the 1830s Erie Canal flatboats were pulled by mules or horses that traveled at about the rate of one and one half miles per hour and passengers were charged one and one half cents a mile.
W. Turrentine Jackson, "Erie Canal," *The World Book Encyclopedia*, Book E, Volume 5, 1962:272.

[9] On the 26 May 1834, Abraham B. Covert and Ralph Covert of the town of Salem, County of Washtenaw, Territory of Michigan, purchased from Anthony and Rebechah Case of Superior for $800.00, the North half of section 13, Twp. 3 South of Range 7E containing 360 acres, Ypsilanti Twp.
By December the brothers divided this land into separate parcels of 180 acres each. Washtenaw County Land Records, Liber D: pp 874,876, 877.
It is likely that the family stayed with Joseph Wyckoff, a cousin, who lived in Salem, from late May or June, through July 5th when they moved into their own home in Ypsilanti Twp.

	$	S
	45	17
June 5 Bought a yoke of oxen in pardenship paid	65	00
June 10 hired a hand half a month	6	50
five bushels of wheat J T[10]	2	50
July 2 Went to Detroit bought A Stove and furnature	28	12 ½
July 5 Moved to our house on our farm		
Do 18 Bought one plow for Braking up in pardingship	20	00
2 bush wheat A.S	1	50
Do 28 Expenses for teams for braking turf	3	00
Oct 14 Hierd Josiah Fleming to split too thousand Rails at five dollars per thousand	10	00
Sept 18 Bought five bushels at the mill	3	12
	139	74
Oct 25 Bought eight bushels of potatoes	2	00
Oct 29 Bought five hundred well bricks	4	00
Nov 3 Bought a milk cow	20	00
Nov 8 Bought five bushels of wheat	3	12 ½
Tax for 1834	[2	61]
End of year 1834		

1835

	$	S
Jan 27 Bought five bushels of wheat	3	43
March 25 Bought five bushels of potatoes And five bushels of oats	3	62

[10] A preface page in the day book notes for just this one week;
June 10 one day work
11
13
14 draw logs chop logs for Ralph's house
15 making shingles
17 do paid cash

March 27 Bought four bushels wheat	3	00
May 28 Ralph Covert Dr on		
Intrist money on payment	1	50
June 1 Bought four bushels of wheat	5	00
June 6 Bought a yoke of		
Oxen Paid	80	00
The whool expence	$275	28
June 13 Warner Shewit Dr		
To eight dollars of		
Barred money paid	8	00
Oct 10 Hired paster for a yoke		
of oxen of S A Taff		
at three shillings		
a week		
Nov 5 Left off pastering		
five weeks one day		75
Nov 16 Ralph Covert Dr	1	50
Paid to King for mash		
Due to Ralph on tobaco		
[Tax for 1835	3	00]

1836

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WILLIAM HUEY FAMILY BIBLE RECORD

This Bible was found in the Special Collections area, BS 185 1791.P5 oft the Harlan Hatcher Library, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Holy Bible, W. Young, Philadelphia, No. 52 Second, the corner of Chestnut St M,DCL,XCL (1791).

In the front of the Bible
William Huey and Jane Huey was married January 13th in the year of our Lord 1812

Next page: William and Jane Huey was married January the 13th AD 1812

On the back of the New Testament Title Page
Jean(*sic)* Huey departed this life February 26, 1828
William Huey departed this life April the 20th 1846

GSWC Bible Record Registry

OBITUARY OF SAMUEL KILPATRICK, 1866

DIED 7 January 1866
KILPATRICK- In Ypsilanti Sunday January 7th 1866, Samuel Kilpatrick, aged 65 years.

The deceased was born in Maryland in the year 1800. At the age of 18 he left the land of slavery and went to western New York. At the age 32 he caught the western fever and came to Michigan settling in Ypsilanti 33 years ago. He was an active energetic man, thorough in what he undertook. He owned a farm some two miles south of the city, but never farmed it very much. At an early day he devoted considerable time to locating new lands for emigrants. He has been elected constable several times. He also served as deputy Sheriff and United States Marshal. He was a first class officer, vigilant and active. In later years he has been chiefly known in community as an auctioneer of superior abilities. His services were in demand far and wide. A few weeks ago unsolicited by him we wrote an article describing his peculiar traits and gifts as the prince of auctioneers. We said:

"A six footer, like King Saul, head and shoulders above his compeers, he stands among the crowd, attracted by his stentorian voice, master of the situation. Surrounded by a pile of wares, chattels, etcetera, Kilpatrick is in his glory- his eyes flash fire, his quick eye glances over the crowd, he knows his men and the man that with a $5,00 (sic) bill in his pocket can carry it home has passed through a sweating ordeal. He can withstand the prince of tempters. - He has all the arts of his profession at command. He flashes with electric wit, putting the crowd into good humor with themselves, with him, and everybody. And again he is as serious as a preacher and gives his hearers a homily on morals, candid as a judge, he addresses the convictions, making a man believe that the thing in hand is just the thing he needs. He touches the key note to the pocket of the miser and the avaricious alike - gentle and winning as a woman if needs be or as gruff and stern as Giant Despair. He pats the crowd, commending their receptivity in absorbing his goods, or scolds like a very vixen and brow beats the hesitating, awe stricken multitude into brisk purchases. Though advancing in age, when most men seek repose, yet his eye is not dim, nor his natural force abated. He still scents the auction afar off. He bids fair to be the king auctioneer of Ypsilanti for many years to come."

How blind we are as to the future. In his accustomed avocation the cold icy hand of death is laid upon him. He had scarcely left the auction stand when as was his wont he extends that large brawny hand to give the warm grasp, and lo! it falls powerless by his side. The giant, strong, manly frame succumbs to a paralytic stroke, and he sinks on the sidewalk uttering his last audible exclamation, "O my God." This was about half-past three on Saturday last. At 7 o'clock the next morning the spirit had fled. The funeral exercises were held at the M.E. Church, Rev. Mr. Hickey preaching from 1st Chron. 29, 15.

"For we are strangers before thee, and sojourners, as were all our fathers. Our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is none abiding."

It was a most excellent and instructive discourse. He stated that the deceased felt deeply on the subject of religion. He had no more attentive or punctual auditor. Last Christmas Sabbath, while discoursing upon the love of Christ, he saw the great tears rolling down his cheeks. He

seemed to have premonitions of his approaching end. He said to his wife, "If I live another week I shall leave my business in order." Ere a week passed his earthly journey was ended. Only the Thursday before his death, scarcely three days he purchased a lot in our beautiful Highland Cemetery. He was to be the first one to occupy it. "Be ye also ready, for in an hour when ye think not the Son of man cometh." A true and worthy Mason, he was buried with all the honors and speaking rites of that mystic body.

Ypsilanti Commercial, Saturday, January 13, 1866, page 3

COUSIN CRAZINESS

Connie Olson

Considering the fact that we recently celebrated our fiftieth wedding anniversary, it seems obvious to state that my husband and I are related. However, our marital relationship is only part of the story. We are cousins – tenth cousins, once removed.

The origin of this relationship is Thomas Ford. A native of Bridport, Devon, England, he came to this country in 1630 aboard the *Mary and John.* With other passengers from the ship, he was one of the first settlers of Dorchester, Massachusetts, and then about 1635 he migrated with the small group that became the founders of Windsor, Connecticut. After several years, he moved to Northampton, Massachusetts, where he died in 1676. Thomas Ford and his wife, Elizabeth Chard (Cooke), had four children plus a daughter from an earlier marriage. I descend from Hepzibah who married Richard Lyman, and my husband descends from Abigail who married John Strong.

Although this relationship is rather distant, it has some interesting ramifications. We become cousins to our own children and they become cousins to each other. Our children are eleventh cousins, once removed, to each other and are tenth cousins, twice removed, to me and eleventh cousins to their father. I am a tenth cousin, thrice removed, to our granddaughters and my husband is an eleventh cousin, once removed to them. These relationships can be explored even further to show that my father was a ninth cousin, once removed, to my husband and that my mother-in-law was my tenthcousin.

Little did Thomas Ford know what he was starting back in the sixteen hundreds!

Hepzibah Ford m. Richard Lyman
Sarah Lyman m. John Marsh
Sarah Marsh m. John Merrill
Benjamin Merrill m. Susannah Shepard
Silas Merrill m.
Enos Merrill m. Laura Woodworth
Agnes Merrill m. Edward FitzHenry Kay
Fred Kay m. Jessie Goodsell
Edward Goodsell Kay m. Pauline Johnson
Constance Kay m. Charles E. Olson, Jr.

Abigail Ford m. John Strong
Hannah Strong m. Capt. William Clark
William Clark, Jr. m. Bethia Williams
Elijah Clark m. Lucy Brown
Rebecca Clark m. Griffin Cleveland
Mary Griffin Cleveland m. Lyman Abbey
Ann Abbey m. Thomas Foster
Mary Ann Foster m. Orlando Cross
Lucy Caroline Cross m. John Schlimme
Mildred Schlimme m. Charles E. Olson
Charles E. Olson, Jr. m. Constance Kay

ANCESTOR SURNAME INDEX

Marcia McCrary

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1044 SNIDER, CHARLES ROBERT. Barnhart, Cline, Cole, Gary, George, Hughell, King, Lohmann, Porter, Sherwood, Snider, Trichler, Webb, Wiggins, Williams. at sea, DE, FRA, GER, IN, IRL, OH, WV.

1258 ENGLE, SUSAN D. Alden, Brown, Cox, Haff, Hevland, Ingersoll, Lewis, McClintock, Neuberg, Palmer, Parrott, Rhoades, Richards, Trimble, Webster
CO, IA, LA, MO, NY, OR, WI.

1275 TAYLOR, RICHARD SPERRY. Burnett, Cooley, Crane, Downing, Gregg, Murphy, Shafer, Sperry, Stephens, Stowell, Taylor, Van Deusen, Williams. CT, ENG, IL, IRL, MA, MI, MT, NY, ONT.

1280 RICE, CRAIG. Buck, Cadman, Cooper, Dalton, Dooley, Elmer, Huff, Kilp, Lyon, Peterson, Rice, Stowe, Taylor, Thompson, Thomsen, West, Whitford. CA, GER, IL, MN, OH, ONT, PA, SC, WI.

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IN MEMORIAM

DOROTHY JEANETTE SIANO

19 October 1916 – 23 August 2004

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ANN ARBOR TOWNSHIP HIGHWAY RECORDS, 1896

Contributed by Jan E. Tripp, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Spring in Michigan means the start of road maintenance season and the citizen complaints about delays, detours, and poor workmanship. Such complaints are hardly new as the 108 year old letter below suggests. As a historical note, roads in Washtenaw County were constructed and maintained by each township from 1837 to 1919. Each township had a Highway Commissioner and was divided into road districts, each with an elected Highway Overseer. Property owners paid a road tax which could be worked off by contributing labor, equipment, or a team of horses or oxen. The following is excerpted from Ann Arbor Township Records, Mixed Highway Records, Box 5, found at the Bentley Historical Library, the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

To the Chairman of the Ann Arbor
Township Meeting, April 6, 1896:

Sir.

I object to Mr. Gross being Overseer again in Road District No. 10, because –

1. Last year he neglected the road in the west part of said district; and,

2. In putting in a Tile Bridge he wilfully [*sic*] and maliciously put it more than seven and a half (7 1/2) feet one side of the middle of the road; and,

3. He uncovered and left exposed the inlet to a tile drain laid to protect from foreign water coming thorough said bridge a cultivated field of fifteen acres.

The last two items are greatly to my damage, and he abusively refused to correct them when asked to do so.

I therefore nominate Thomas Blake for Overseer in District No. 10; and I request that this Meeting instruct the Commissioner of highways to correct said mal-actions of Overseer Gross.

Respectively Submitted
O.R.L. Crozier

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IN MEMORIAM

ELIZABETH DRAPER MILLER

6 JUNE 1923 – 7 AUGUST 2004

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RECORD OF INMATES OF POORHOUSE, WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN, 2 January 1856 – 6 December1856

Abstracted by Nancy H. Krohn

This is the sixth series published in *Family History Capers* of records found in the earliest book of poorhouse records at the Washtenaw County Courthouse. The entries in this book begin 1836 and continue through 1856. See *Family History Capers*, Volumes 16 and 19, 27 No. 1, No. 2, No. 4.

Abbreviations are: Retd, returned; Supt, Superintendents.

Record of Paupers

02 Jan 1856 CHARLES F. KELLER, born in County Poor House. Mich. Discharged March 11th 1856 with his mother.

05 Jan 1856 JOHN CASPER, age 27, Ypsilanti. Germany. Discharged March 25th 1856.

12 Jan 1856 SAMUEL TYLER, age 57, Ann Arbor City. C. Krapf. England. Discharged August 11th 1856. Now at Dr. Woodruffs.

12 Jan 1856 ALFRED BENTON, age 23, Lodi. John Green. N.Y. Insane. January 21st 1856 by Supt.

15 Jan 1856 MARGARET McDERMOT, age 42, Ann Arbor City. N.A. Prudden. Ireland. Discharged March 19th 1856.

23 Jan 1856 MORRIS WHALEN, age 55, Ann Arbor City. B.W. Waite. Ireland. Discharged January 31st 1856.

23 Jan 1856 ELLIOT M. HOLLAND, age 45, Ann Arbor City. E.P. Gardiner. Vermont. Discharged April 1st 1856 in bad humors.

26 Jan 1856 JOHN HAGGERTY, age 65, Ann Arbor City. E.P. Gardiner. Ireland.

29 Jan 1856 CHRISTOPHER WILLARD, age 50, Ann Arbor City. C. Krapf. Germany. Discharged March 25th 1856.

04 Feb1856 MARGARET BURKE, age 3. Retd. Supt. N.Y. Taken by Ich. Buffington February 13, 1856. Bound by Supt. March 19, 1856.

04 Feb 1856 WILLIAM SCHAFFER, age 47, Ann Arbor City. C. Krapf. Germany. Discharged April 22nd 1856.

04 Feb 1856 CLEMENS HAUSE, age 43, Ann Arbor City. C. Krapf. Germany. Discharged February 6th 1856.

07 Feb 1856 MARY GRIFFIN, age 15, Ypsilanti. G. M. Osborne. Taken by W. Buck of Monroe Co. February 28th 1856.

09 Feb 1856 LYMAN BARTLETT, age 60, Ann Arbor City. N.A. Prudden. Vermont. Discharged April 7th 1856 to work for Lawrence.

19 Feb 1856 JOHN HOUGH, age 33, Ypsilanti. G. M. Osborne. Germany. Discharged March 19th 1856.

19 Feb 1856 CATHARINE WOODCOCK, age 18. Retd. Supt. N.Y. Discharged April 8th 1856.

19 Feb 1856 ISODORE CLINTON, age 3 months. Retd. Supt. Mich. Discharged April 8th 1 1856. with his mother.

21 Feb 1856 JOSEPH HAMPTON, age 40, Ann Arbor City. N.A. Prudden. Pennsylvania. Discharged March 31st 1856.

29 Feb 1856 CATHARINE WALTZ, age 27, Scio. B.W. Waite. Germany. Taken by her brother March 15th 1856.

29 Feb 1856 CATHARINE WALTZ , age 3 on March 12th 1856?, Scio. Taken by Dewit C. Burch on trial April 28th 1856.

29 Feb 1856 ROBERT SMEAD, age 16, Ypsilanti. B. Thompson. Prussia. Discharged April 16th 1856 withLoverage. of Ypsilanti.

07 Mar 1856 RICHARD JONES, age 21, Ann Arbor City. C .Krapf. England. Discharged April 3rd 1856.

07 Mar 1856 GEORGE CARLE, age 18, Ann Arbor City. E.P. Gardiner. Germany. Discharged April 3rd 1856.

10 Mar 1856 MINNIE SHMIDT, age 33, Ann Arbor City. E.P. Gardiner. Germany. Discharged April 28th 1856.

11 Mar 1856 JAMES MULVAY, age 19, Ann Arbor City. E.P. Gardiner. Ireland. Discharged. April 28th 1856.

14 Mar 1856 MARGARET SOUELL, age 25, Ypsilanti. B. Thompson. Ohio. Coloured. Discharged October 1st 1856.

15 Mar 1856 WESLEY KING, age 14, Ann Arbor. E.P. Gardiner. N.Y. Discharged April 8th 1856.

19 Mar 1856 N.B. CASAD, age 18, Manchester. Elijah G. Carr. Ohio. Discharged May 6th 1856.

24 Mar 1856 LEWIS PAINE, age 40, Ann Arbor City. N.A. Prudden. Virginia. Discharged May 26th 1856.

24 Mar 1856 JAMES PAINE, age 8, Ann Arbor City. N.A. Prudden. Mich. Discharged May 26th 1856.

24 Mar 1856 JOHN HOUGH, age 33, Ypsilanti. G.M. Osborn. Germany. Discharged July 21st 1856.

28 Mar 1856 WILLIAM BROOM, age 58, Ypsilanti. C. Joslin, Supt. Ireland. Discharged April 14th 1856.

31 Mar 1856 HOWARD --- foundling, 6 months, Ann Arbor. E.P. Gardiner. Mich.

02 Apr 1856 JONATHAN ROGERS, age 77, Saline, George Sherman. N.Y. Died November 15th 1856. Buried at Co. House.

09 Apr 1856 RICHARD JONES, age 21, Ann Arbor City. E.P. Gardiner. England. Discharged April 21st 1856.

10 Apr 1856 JOHN DURFY, age 44, Ann Arbor City. E.P. Gardiner. N.Y. Died Sunday May 4th 1856. Buried at Co. House.

12 Apr 1856 ROBERT DICKERSON, age 42, Ann Arbor City. E.P. Gardiner. Connecticut. Discharged April 18th 1856.

22 Apr 1856 ROBERT MOODY, age 18, Ypsilanti. B. Thompson. Scotland. Gone visiting April 22nd 1856 and did not return.

03 May 1856 ROBERT SMEAD, age 16. Retd. B. Thompson. Prussia. Discharged May 7th 1856.

03 May 1856 MARTHA A. DUNLAP, age 32, Ypsilanti. G.M. Osborn. Mich. Discharged July 4th 1856.
03 May 1856 JAMES DUNLAP, age 5, Ypsilanti. Mich. Discharged May 6th 1856. Taken by his father.
03 May 1856 MARY E. DUNLAP, age 2, Ypsilanti. Mich. Discharged July 4th 1856. Taken with her mother.
15 May 1856 SAMUEL PATTEN, age 20, coloured, Ypsilanti. B. Thompson. Kentucky. Discharged May 24th 1856 by order of C. Joslin.
19 May 1856 HARLOW ST. JOHN, age 53, Pittsfield. T. Brown. New York. Died June 23rd 1856. Buried a t Co. House.
24 May 1856 CATHARINE DWYER, age 12, Ypsilanti. B. Thompson. New York. Taken by E. Casey on trial June 10th 1856 of Ypsilanti.
24 May 1856 JAMES DWYER, age 10, Ypsilanti. B. Thompson. New York. Gone to live with B.W. Waite June 10th 1856.
26 May 1856 EDWARD H. MURPHY, age 15, Ann Arbor City. N.A. Prudden. New York. Ran away June 9th 1856.
03 Jun 1856 DANIEL CORNWELL, age 20, Saline. Wm. Buckingham. Ohio. Discharged August 13th 1856.
03 Jun 1856 FREDERICK ALMY, age 29, Saline. Wm. Buckingham. N. York. Discharged July 28th 1856.
10 Jun 1856 LEWIS PAINE, age 40, Ann Arbor. cE.P. Gardiner. Virginia.
10 Jun 1856 JOHN S. PAINE, age 4, Scio. B.W. Waite. Mich.
09 Jun 1856 NANCY JANE SMITH, born in Washtenaw Co. House, coloured. Mich. Discharged with her mother October 1st 1856.
12 Jun 1856 GOTTLOB LAUBENGUAR, age 21, Scio. B.W. Waite. Germany, Insane. Discharged June 23rd 1856. Cured.
13 Jun 1856 JARVIS JONES, age 75, Ypsilanti. B. Thompson. Canada. Discharged July 21st 1856.
16 Jun 1856 WILLIAM BROOM, age 58, Ann Arbor City. E.P. Gardiner. Ireland.
20 Jun 1856 FREDERICK BRENNER, age 30, Ann Arbor City. Hangsteffer. Prussia. Discharged August 4th 1856. Gone to Ann Arbor.
22 Jun 1856 MICHAEL DINNES, age 8, Ypsilanti. B. Thompson. Pennsylvania. Discharged taken by his mother July 7, 1856.
27 Jun 1856 GOTTLOB LAUBENGUAR, age 21, Ann Arbor City. Hangsteffer. Germany. Insane. Discharged August 25th by request of friends.
12 Jul 1856 JAMES STEWART, age 43, Ann Arbor City. N.A. Prudden. Scotland. Discharged July 22nd 1856.
18 Jul 1856 PETER H. FOWLER, age 69, Ann Arbor. D.L. Gates. N. York. Ran away July 25th 1856.
21 Jul 1856 SARAH ANN ARNOLD, age 22, Ann Arbor City. N.A. Prudden. Canada.
21 Jul 1856 ELIZABETH ARNOLD, age 2, Ann Arbor City. N.A. Prudden. Canada.
24 Jul 1856 THOMAS RUTHARDT, age 54, Ann Arbor City. J. Hangsteffer. Germany. Left on Monday, July 28th 1856.
01 Aug 1856 CHARLES ROOT, age 52, Ann Arbor City. E.P. Gardiner. Died August 13th 1856. Buried at County House.

01 Aug 1856 MICHAEL KENNEDY, age 34, Scio. B.W. Waite. Ireland. Discharged September 6th 1856.

04 Aug 1856 WILLIAM HOWE, age 19, Pittsfield. Supt. Germany. Discharged September 4th 1856.

05 Aug 1856 JAMES DWYER, age 10, Ypsilanti. Retd. N. York Taken by Mr. Willard of Ann Arbor on trial September 8th 1856.

06 Aug 1856 PAUL McDONALD, age 78, Ann Arbor City. J. Hangsteffer. Ireland.

06 Aug 1856 ROBERT HUGHES, age 75, Salem. C. Wheeler. England.

10 Aug 1856 NICHOLAS WEAVER, age 70, Manchester, lost his order. Switzerland. Discharged August 25th, gone to Manchester.

14 Aug 1856 JOHN PURCELL, age 59, Ann Arbor City. E.P. Gardiner. Ireland. Discharged October 7th 1856 with new clothes.

21 Aug 1856 MICHAEL RYAN, age 67, Ann Arbor City. E.P. Gardiner. Ireland. Left without leave October 27th 1856.

22 Aug 1856 JACOB PERES, age 27, Ann Arbor City. J. Hangsteffer. Prussia. Ran away August 27th 1856 after his clothes.

23 Aug 1856 LEWIS HOWSEN, age 33, Ypsilanti. B. Thompson. Switzerland.

29 Aug 1856 ELLEN SHAY, age 40, Ypsilanti. G.M. Osborn. Ireland.

01 Sep 1856 AUGUSTUS BUTLER, age 69, a fidler, Ann Arbor City. E.P. Gardiner. L. Canada. Discharged September 3rd 1856. Started for fidlers ------.

08 Sep 1856 LYMAN BARTLETT, age 61, Ypsilanti. B. Thompson. Vermont. Discharged October 15th 1856. At work for County.

08 Sep 1856 MARTIN GOODENUGH, age 12, Ypsilanti. B. Thompson. N. York. Taken by Joseph Lockwood October 1st on trial.

08 Sep 1856 MATTHEW McNAMARA, age 32, Ann Arbor City. E.P. Gardiner. Ireland.

12 Sep 1856 FREDERICK ALMY, age 29, Ann Arbor City. N. York. Ran away October 21st 1856.

12 Sep 1856 MARY ANN DWYER, age 15, Ypsilanti. G.M. Osborn. N. York. Gone to Enoch Yosts Ypsilanti September 17th 1856.

12 Sep 1856 BRIDGET DWYER, age 36, Ypsilanti. G.M. Osborn. Ireland.

15 Sep 1856 THOMAS RUTHARDT, age 54, Ann Arbor City. J. Hangsteffer. Germany.

15 Sep 1854 JAMES ANDERSON, age 45, Ann Arbor City. J. Hangsteffer. Scotland.

22 Sep 1856 CONRAD MANN, age 50, Ann Arbor City. J. Hangsteffer. Germany. Discharged October 27th 1856.

07 Oct 1856 NORA QUINN, age 30, Ann Arbor City. N.A. Prudden. Ireland. Discharged by Supt. October 14th 1856.

07 Oct 1856 KATE QUINN, age 10 months, Ann Arbor City. N.A. Prudden. Mich. Discharged with her mother October 14th 1856.

07 Oct 1856 FRANK CLAY, age 18 months, coloured, Ann Arbor City. N.A. Prudden. Mich.

06 Sep 1856 (sic) GOTTLOB LAUBENGUAR, age 21, Scio. B.W. Waite. Germany. Discharged October 6th 1856 by B.W. Waite, Supt.

09 Oct 1856 MARY BURKE, age 45, Ypsilanti. B. Thompson. Ireland. Discharged November 17th 1856.

08 Oct 1856 JAMES BURKE, age 18 months, Ypsilanti. B. Thompson. N. York. Discharged November 17th 1856. (Both) to live with Ambers.

11 Oct 1856 MARGARET McDERMOT, age 43, Ann Arbor City. E.P. Gardiner. Discharged October 17th 1856 by Supt.
12 Oct 1856 JOHN G. LAUBENGUAR, age 21, Scio. B.W. Waite. Germany, Ran away October 31st 1856.
13 Oct 1856 GEORGE STEIN, age 30, Ypsilanti. B. Thompson. Germany, Discharged October 20th 1856.
14 Oct 1856 DANIEL CORNWELL, age 20, Saline. Wm. Buckingham. Ohio. Left without liberty November 1st 1856.
16 Oct 1856 CATHARINE WALTZ, age 3 ½. Retd. Supt. Germany.
22 Oct 1856 WILLIAM ROGERS, age 15, Salem. C. Wheeler. Canada. Discharged November 17th 1856.
27 Oct 1856 CATHARINE DWYER, age 12. Retd. Supt. N. York.
28 Oct 1856 TIMOTHY C. TUOMEY, age 40, Scio. B.W. Waite. Ireland.
12 Nov 1856 JOHN KEENAN, age 76, Ann Arbor City. Ireland. Taken by his son November 17th 1856.
12 Nov 1856 CHRISTOPHER HERMAN, age 62, Ann Arbor City. J. Hangsteffer. Germany.
15 Nov 1856 JAMES DWYER, age 10. Retd. Supt. N. York.
18 Nov 1856 DANIEL CORNWELL, age 20, Saline. Wm. Buckingham. Ohio.
18 No 1856 MARY ANN DWYER, age 15. Retd. Supt. N. York. Discharged December 2, 1856.
19 Nov 1856 MICHAEL CARROL, age 21, Ann Arbor City. E.P. Gardiner. Ireland.
21 Nov 1856 LUKE WHITMORE, age 33, Pittsfield. T. Brown. N. York.
21 Nov 1856 MARTIN GOODENOUGH, age 12. Retd. Supt. N. York. Taken by Hiram Thompson of Augusta December 10th 1856.
03 Dec 1856 JOHN PURCELL, age 59, Ypsilanti. Ireland.
06 Dec 1856 EMILY OVERTON, age 11, Augusta. Hiram Thompson. Mich.

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STRAYS

Ann Arbor Argus Democrat, 6 March 1903.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Sutton have received a present of a box of oranges from their niece Miss Anna Burlingame, of DeLand, Fla. (Emery)

Ann Arbor Daily Times News, 13 May 1915 (Thurs.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard MISSIER of Defiance, O., are visiting Mr. Missier's mother, brother and sister, George and Fanny Schmidt.

Mrs. Albert Van Gieson and son Wiley visited her sister, Mrs. Glen Newsome and family in Tecumseh, Monday. Wiley Van Gieson of Detroit has been spending a week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Van Gieson. Geo. Van Gieson did some work on the family lot in the cemetery at the Center, and visited Mr. and Mrs. H.R .Palmer a day or two this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crane spent Sunday in Tecumseh with Mr. Crane's aunt, Mrs. Elroy Zimmerman and husband. (Bridgewater)

QUERIES AND REQUESTS

EDWARDS
FAIRCHILD
KNOX
RUDBERG
SHERMAN

David Edwards b. 1816 VT marr. 1842 in Ypsilanti, MI Lucia Maria Fairchild b. 11 Jan 1826 d. 3 Dec 1891 location unk. 3 ch: George F. Edwards b. 1843 in MI marr. 1870 May Lyle Knox b. 1842 NY; Julia Edwards b. 1845 marr. 1866 in MI George Sherman b. 1835; Charles H. Edwards b. 1847 MI. David is found in Ypsilanti from 1850 to 1870; in 1880 he is in Detroit. In 1863 David is in Ypsilanti, a master builder and manufacturer of sashes, blinds and door. Julia Edwards Sherman is in Ypsilanti in 1920. Sk the pars of David.

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CONDON
CULLINAN/E
GIBNEY
HOWARD
McDEVITT
WALSH
WELSH

Michael Howard b. ca 1805 Co. Cork IRL arr. Washt Co in 1831 d. 1885 marr. Sep. 1835 Mary Condon Cullinan. Res. Webster Twp in 1850 and 1860, then in 1870 and 1880 found in Northfield Twp. Seven ch: John Howard (my gg-gf) b. ca 1836/38 Webster marr. Sarah J. McDevitt ca 1876/77, mvd to Brighton, Green Oak Twp, Livingston Co; Edward/Edmund Howard b. 1838/1840 Webster; Martin Howard b. 1839/1840 Webster marr. poss Mary Walsh or Welsh; Catherine/Katie Howard b. 1841/42 Webster; Michel J. Howard, Jr. b. 1841 Webster marr. Julia Gibney mvd to Superior Twp; Mary Howard; James Howard b. 1851 Webster marr. Rose/Rosann McDevitt. Michael's wife Mary Condon first marr. John Cullinan and had one son Timothy who predeceased Mary. Sk vit recs of all of this fam and any info that can be found about the children.

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AUSTIN
BOLLMAN
COOPER
CORBIN
GILBERT
KNUTSON
MEYERS

Charles Washington Meyers b. 30 Apr 1830 Gambier, Knox Co, OH d. 21 Apr1898 in Clinton, Clinton Co, IA marr. Lucy Laurette Corbin b. 14 May 1836 Campbell, Steuben Co NY d. 13 Oct 1902 Clinton, IA, d/o Hollis Corbin & Laura Gilbert. 4 ch: Charles W. Meyers d. in infancy; Minnie Meyers b. 1866 St. Johns, MI d. 1915 Portland OR marr. Joseph Lee Austin; Mary C. Meyers b. 1868 Chesaning, Saginaw Co MI d. 1917 Portland, OR marr. George H. Bollman; Franklin Williams Meyers b. 1874 Clinton, IA d. 1920 Portland, OR marr. Anna Marie Knutson. Charles served with the 82nd Regiment Ohio Volunteers as Assistant Surgeon, enlisting in May 1862, promoted to Major and served as Surgeon in 1864. He marr. at Ann Arbor on 20 Apr 1863. to Laurette L. Corbin. Hollis Corbin b. 1800 VT d. 13 Mar 1863 Ann Arbor marr. Laura Gilbert b. 1810 VT d. 1874 Clinton, IA; both are bur. Ann Arbor. Sk. evidence of Charles in Ann Arbor in 1863. Did he attend the U of M or practice medicine in Ann Arbor?? Sk more info about the Corbin fam.

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DAVIS
LELAND
THOMAS

Samuel Davis b. 1757 d. 28 May 1818 Madison, Madison Co NY marr. Olive (Olle) Ward b. 1791 Stafford, Tolland Co CT. 3 ch: Betsy Shirley, Hannah and Sally. Olle d. 1850 Northfield, Washt Co MI. Daughter Sally Davis b. ca 1798 marr. Orrison Leland. Orrison mvd. to Northfield Twp, Washt in 1830. Sk birthplace and pars for Samuel, Olle and Sally. When and where did Sally marr. Orrison?

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ASHTON/ASHTIN
AUSTIN/AUSTON
DAGEN
GRAVES
KARR
LIVINGSTON/ LEVINGTON
TABER/TABOR

Jerusha M. Ashton b. ca 1829 NY d. aft 1885 poss Washt Co, Ypsilanti. Jerusha marr. 1) William M. Taber b. bef 1818 NY d. bef Jan 1859. They had 3 ch: M. Taber, b. ca 1849-d. bef 1860; Amanda M. b. ca 1853 WI d. bef 1870; Henry N. Taber b. ca 1858 MI. Jerusha marr. 2) 5 Jan 1859 in Washt Co Nathan Livingston (ca 1805-1881) Livonia, Wayne Co MI. Livingston is sometimes Levington. Jerusha marr. 3) Ira Graves poss bef 1870 in MI. Ira (1822 NY d. bef 1873). Jerusha marr. 4) 25 Nov 1873 Washt Co James Karr b. bef 1823 IRL d. 7 Oct 1885 Wayne Co, Detroit. Jerusha d/o Thomas Ashton and Phebe unk. Thomas d. in IN, Phebe res. with Jerusha in 1860 and 1870. Ashton sometimes misspelled Austin, Auston, Ashtin. Sk ddt for Jerusha, Phebe and the 3 Taber ch.

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BURNHAM
KELLEY/ KELLY
PORTER

James Kelley/Kelly is said to have come to southern Michigan about 1836. He was a land speculator and may have moved to several southern counties. James b. 1773 Dummerston VT d. 1855 Dale, Wyoming Co, NY marr. ca 1795 VT Sarah Burnham. There may have been other wives. The fam left VT in 1816 for New York State, settled in southern MI abt 1836. When very old James returned to NY State to the home of his oldest son. Known ch: Eunice b. 1798 res. 1840 Medina, OH; Orlando b. 1801 res. 1840 Middlebury, NY; William b. 1803 res. 1840 Gaines Twp, Grand Rapids, MI; Lucretia b. 1806 res. 1840 Wayne, DuPage Co, IL; Sophronia b. 1801 res. 1840 Otto, Cattaraugus Co, NY; Foster b. 1810 res. 1840 Gaines Twp, Grand Rapids, MI; Charles b. 1812 res. 1840 Gaines Twp, Grand Rapids, MI. Sk this fam in MI in 1840 and 1850. Are probates available?

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CORRECTION

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